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SUBJECT: NACC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING: SPEECH BY INDIAN FOREIGN
MINISTER

1. IN HIS REMARKS TO THE PLENARY SESSION OF THE NACC
APRIL 7, INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE BEGAN
BY REITERATING INDIA'S COMMITMENT TO NON-ALIGNMENT AND
SAID: "WE
NEED TO ENSURE THAT NON-ALIGNMENT REMAINS GENUINE
AND STEERS CLEAR OF RIVAL POWER BLOCS, MULTILATERAL MILITARY
ALLIANCES AND IDEOLOGICAL GROUPINGS." VAJPAYEE SAID THAT
THE SUBJECTS TO BE EXAMINED AND ANALYSED AT THE CONFERENCE
FALL BROADLY UNDER FOUR HEADINGS: DECOLONIZATION, DETENTE,
DISARMAMENT, AND DEVELOPMENT. HE CLOSED HIS SPEECH BY
SAYING THAT: "THE CHALLENGE NOW FOR THE NON-ALIGNED IS
THE WILLINGNESS TO ADJUST, SHARE, IF NECESSARY, SACRIFICE
IN ORDER THAT OUR COLLECTIVE ASPIRATIONS AND COLLECTIVE
VOICE CAN BE BACKED
BY COLLECTIVE EFFORT LEADING TO COLLECTIVE SELF RELIANCE. THE
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MAJOR CHALLENGE IS TO RISE ABOVE THE
IMMEDIATE NATIONAL OR GROUP CONCERNS TO GIVE
THIS MOVEMENT REAL INGREDIENTS OF SOLIDARITY." FOLLOWING
ARE ABSTRACTS OF VAJPAYEE'S REMARKS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES:

2. SOUTHERN AFRICA: "THE WHITE MINORITY REGIMES HAVE, IN
ARROGANT DEFIANCE OF WORLD OPINION, THWARTED ALL EFFORTS AT

PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS, WHETHER IN SOUTH AFRICA, ZIMBABWE OR NAMIBIA. ...INTRODUCTION OF MAJORITY RULE IN ZIMBABWE IS OVERDUE. IT IS A MATTER OF DEEP CONCERN THAT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON ZIMBABWE FAILED DUE TO THE INTRANSIGENCE OF THE ILLEGAL IAN SMITH REGIME. THE SITUATION THERE IS EXPLOSIVE AND IF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IS NOT FOUND QUICKLY, THE PEOPLE MAY BE LEFT WITH NO OTHER OPTION BUT TO RESORT TO ARMED STRUGGLE. ...IN NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA'S CONTINUED PRESENCE IS ILLEGAL AND URGENT MEASURES NEED TO BE TAKEN TO SECURE THE FULL AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE U.N. RESOLUTIONS THAT CALL FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA. INDIA HAS CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS CANNOT AFFORD TO FAIL IN NAMIBIA BECAUSE THE U.N. HAS A COLLECTIVE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS INDEPENDENCE. FRONTLINE STATES HAVE ALSO BORNE THE BRUNT OF REPRESSIVE MEASURES AND AGGRESSIVE ACTION AND WE EXPRESS OUR COMPLETE SOLIDARITY WITH THEM."

3. MIDDLE EAST: "THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONTINUES TO BE AS ELUSIVE AS EVER. THE SITUATION REMAINS A SOURCE OF GREAT ANXIETY. ISRAEL MUST VACATE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES. THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT WAYS AND MEANS WILL SOON BE FOUND TO IMPLEMENT THE RELEVANT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS, AND THAT THERE WILL BE AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE WITH THE PARTICIPATION AMONG OTHERS OF THE PLO."

4. DETENTE: "WHILE WE WELCOME RELAXATION OF TENSIONS,
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IT IS DISAPPOINTING TO SEE THAT THE PROCESS OF DETENTE IS YET TO BE CONSOLIDATED AND SPREAD TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD. FURTHER, DETENTE BETWEEN THE GREAT POWERS WOULD HAVE LITTLE MEANING FOR US IF OUR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SOVEREIGNTY CONTINUES TO BE VIOLATED THROUGH EXTERNAL PRESSURES AND INTERFERENCE IN OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS."

5. DISARMAMENT: "THE ABSENCE OF SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT HAS AROUSED CONSIDERABLE CONCERN PARTICULARLY AMONG NEWLY EMERGENT NATIONS. ARMS RACE CONTINUES UNABATED INVOLVING A STAGGERING EXPENDITURE. EVEN IF A FRACTION OF THIS COULD BE DIVERTED FOR DEVELOPMENT IT COULD ALTER THE SITUATION SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE ADVANTAGE OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD. WE ARE GLAD TO RECALL THAT THE 31ST SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENDORSED THE CALL OF THE COLOMBO SUMMIT FOR A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

EXCLUSIVELY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT MATTERS. WE MUST NOW CAREFULLY PLAN, COORDINATE AND HARMONISE OUR POSITION IN THE PREPARATORY WORK FOR THIS SESSION TO ENSURE THAT IT WOULD BE FRUITFUL AND A SIGNIFICANT BREAKTHROUGH WOULD BE ACHIEVED IN THE FIELD OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT INCLUDING, IN PARTICULAR, NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT."

6. INDIAN OCEAN: "INDIA, TOGETHER WITH ALL OTHER LITTORAL AND HINTERLAND STATES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN, CONTINUES TO BE CONCERNED AT THE LACK OF PROGRESS SO FAR IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN DECLARATION ON THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE. WITHOUT THE ELIMINATION OF GREAT POWER RIVALRY AND EXISTING FOREIGN MILITARY BASES AS IN DIEGO GARCIA NO MEANINGFUL ADVANCE IN THIS DIRECTION WOULD BE POSSIBLE. IN THIS CONTEXT, THEREFORE, WE HAVE NOTED WITH INTEREST RECENT STATEMENTS BY GREAT POWERS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THEIR

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CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE."

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7. DEVELOPMENT: "THE CAUSE OF PRESERVING AND CONSOLIDATING WORLD PEACE IS INEXTRICABLY LINKED TO THE CAUSE OF DEVELOPMENT. DEVELOPMENT MUST BE BASED ON THE TWIN PILLARS OF GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE AND THE GROWTH OF COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE AMONG NON-ALIGNED AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES...

"THOUGH WE ARE NOW APPROACHING THE END OF THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE, THE TARGETS ACCEPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES REMAIN LARGELY UNFULFILLED. THE DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE 6TH AND 7TH SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSIONS OF THE U.N. STILL, BY AND LARGE, REMAIN ON PAPER. ...MY DELEGATION PROPOSES THAT A GROUP OF EXPERTS FROM NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES BE SET UP TO ELABORATE A BLUEPRINT FOR THE THIRD DEVELOPMENT DECADE, WHICH WOULD IDENTIFY MEASURES TO RESTRUCTURE THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY AND PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

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"THE TREND IN THE CURRENT DIALOGUE BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS CAUSING SERIOUS CONCERN. WE ARE DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE UNCTAD COMMON FUND HAVE SO FAR PROVED INCONCLUSIVE. THE BUREAU MUST EXPRESS ITS EXPECTATIONS IN CLEAR AND UNEQUIVOCAL TERMS THAT, AT THE FORTHCOMING SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN PARIS ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, BOTH DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING, MAKE A DETERMINED EFFORT TO ENSURE ITS SUCCESS. IT HAS BEEN OUR CONSISTENT BELIEF THAT IT IS ONLY THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND NOT CONFRONTATION THAT CAN LEAD TO LASTING SOLUTIONS. ...

"OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST TO MY COUNTRY IS THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COLOMBO ACTION PROGRAMME ON THE INITIATION OF A PROCESS OF CONSULTATIONS AMONG DEVELOPING PRODUCER AND CONSUMER COUNTRIES TO ENSURE MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SUPPLY AND PURCHASE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THESE CONSULTATIONS SHOULD COMMENCE AT AN EARLY DATE. INDIA IS PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY ON THE COMPLEMENTARITIES WHICH EXIST AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN TERMS OF RESOURCE ENDOWMENT AND INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITY.

"IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS

MADE BY THE COLOMBO SUMMIT IN THE FIELD OF FINANCIAL AND MONETARY COOPERATION, WE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRIES OF FINANCE AND CENTRAL BANKS OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, IN THE NEAR FUTURE, TO INITIATE A SYSTEMATIC EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON CAPITAL MOVEMENT AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, EXPANSION OF MUTUAL BANKING RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELDS OF BANKING AND BANKING LEGISLATION.

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"WE CONTINUE TO PLACE A STRONG EMPHASIS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITIES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW AMONG NON-ALIGNED AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

...WE ARE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FURTHERANCE OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELD BY HOSTING A MEETING OF AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP ON THE APPLICATIONS OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY FOR EMPLOYMENT, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND INCOME DISTRIBUTION.

"...THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES SHOULD NOW TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO COORDINATE THE STRATEGY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE TWO IMPORTANT U.N. CONFERENCES DUE TO BE HELD IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. I REFER TO THE U.N. CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN 1978 AND THE U.N. CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT IN 1979."SCHNEIDER

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